

**VILLAGE OF JEFFERSON
COUNCIL MEETING**

May 5, 2025

Meeting called to order by Mayor Chiacchiero.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Moment of Silence:

Opening Prayer:

Roll call of Council Dreier, Febel, Martuccio, Roderick, Sekanina, Orvos

Corrections or Additions to the Agenda:

None

Minutes: Approval/Addition/Correction

Motion by Councilperson Febel to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2025.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Roderick to accept the Jefferson Cemetery Trustees Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2024, September 9, 2024, October 7, 2024, and December 9, 2024.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Roderick to accept the Jefferson Cemetery Trustees Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2025, February 3, 2025, and March 3, 2025.

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Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Orvos to approve the Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2025.

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Visitor's Comments (five-minute limit per council rule #13)

Chief Mackensen spoke to the Council about the Car and Stereo Competition at the Fairgrounds. He told everyone this was not hosted by the Village of Jefferson. But the organizers did approach the Village with a request to allow music continuously until about 8:00 p.m. The Village agreed with the limited accommodation. The organizers did not follow the agreed upon terms regarding the noise level and misrepresented the true scope of the event.

The violations were brought to the attention of the Police department and the Mayor and immediate action was taken. The Fairground and the Village and the promoters all came in agreement with the noise and stopped the loud music earlier than it was supposed to run.

John Boczar of 78 West Cedar Street told council that the Village Street Department did a fantastic job on the new school sign on the corner of Popular Street.

Shiela Warner of the Jefferson Garden Club told the Council the annual plants sale will be on Friday and Saturday May 9th and 10th Giddings Park. Sheila Warner, if anyone wanted to help the Garden Club unload the plants to come to Giddings Park May 7, 2025, they would love the help.

Also present:

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Stephanie Wessell of the Gazette, Frank Snyder Jr., Bobbi Jo Murphy, Shelia Warner Jefferson Garden Club, Warren Dillaway Star Beacon, John Powers and John Boczar.

DEPARTMENTS

Administrator Murphy

Village Administrator's report for the period ending May 4th, 2025.

Projects update:

Project		Status	Vendor	Grant/Loan	Total Cost
ACTIVE PROJECTS	Project #				
WWTP EQ Basin	OPWC – R37	Submitted to DOD/EPA Resubmitting to OPWC – R37	CT Consulting	Engineering grant \$90,000	\$1,250,000
WWTP Clarifier Improvement Phase 1	OPWC – R38	Contract pending	CT Consulting	\$207,500 Grant \$50,000 Loan	\$615,000
WWTP Clarifier Improvement Phase 2	OPWC-R39	Submitted to DOD/EPA Resubmitting to OPWC – R39	CT Consulting		\$369,000
WWTP Clarifier Improvement Phase 3	OPWC-R40	Submitted to DOD/EPA Resubmitting to OPWC – R40	CT Consulting		\$389,000

In the Village

Last Reading- The Village Spring Cleanup Day will take place on May 10th, coinciding with the County Tire Take-Back Day. Please remember that any furniture made of fabric or leather must be wrapped in plastic for pickup. Items should not be placed out before Wednesday, May 7th, and must be set out no later than Friday night.

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Collection crews will make only one pass, and any missed items will not be picked up. Additionally, batteries, oil, and paint that have not fully dried will not be accepted. As the date approaches, we will post a complete list of prohibited items. In addition, I have sent a personal letter to numerous property owners to remind them to take advantage of the Clean-Up Day to avoid any zoning violation proceedings.

Street Dept.

We have compiled a list of streets to be paved for 2025. This list will be finalized this week, and the process will start to get these scheduled. In addition, a list of sidewalks to be replaced has also been made. This list will include the drop-off area paving at the new Imagination Park. I am currently waiting for a quote from French's Concrete.

In addition, two parking spots in the Chestnut St./Jefferson St. downtown will be changed to one passenger vehicle and the other to a larger special needs/wheelchair van parking area. These will be designated handicapped parking spaces and marked appropriately.

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*Designated Handicap parking highlighted in blue

Zoning:

Permits issued since the last council meeting:

Accessory Building = 2

Fence = 1

Total permits 2025 = 13

Recreation Department:

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The Giddings Park playground is open, and the basketball and pickleball courts are open and available. Please call the Recreation Department to schedule court times and reserve nets for pickleball. The Street Department will soon be placing the old basketball hoops in West Park for a new court for the kids in that neighborhood.

Alterations have been made to pickleball/basketball courts to allow for a new fencing line to expand the play area.

Just a reminder: T-ball will run from May 27th through June 27th at \$45 per child, and soccer will take place from July 8th through August 7th, also at \$45 per child. We are looking for volunteer coaches and team partners for both sports

New flooring, painting, and upgrades are in the final stages at the Recreation Center. If you have not been through, please do so and check out the updates. Once work is completed, I would like to host an open house, inviting the public with food and activities. In addition, with the new upgrades and remodeling, discussions on rental rate increases are being reviewed.

Wastewater Treatment Plant:

Replacing the rotating assembly in raw pump #2, Main Pump Station (both pumps have been rebuilt. The Woodside pump station, getting quotes to install two rebuilt pumps, motors, and valves. Ultraviolet lights have been installed for summer disinfection (usually runs from May 1st- October 31st)

Police:

Still accepting applications

Other notes:

I have personally met all department heads and employees. We discussed expectations and standards and reviewed village policies. I look forward to working with everyone.

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Clerk /Treasurer Fisher

Payroll Report/Special Pay Report

March Month End

End of Month Summary	March	
Total Cash on Hand	\$1,000.00	
Andover Bank CD	\$50,000.00	
Huntington Bank 2257	\$45,976.70	
Star Ohio 26065	\$1,089,924.54	
Payroll Checking	\$741.44	
Andover/ First Common Bank Checking	\$3,539,434.10	
Ending Balance	\$4,727,076.78	Up 3.9%
YTD Revenue	\$1,572,074.23	
YTD Expenses	\$1,582,022.98	
Outstanding Encumbrance	\$291,254.04	
Recreation Revenue YTD	\$55,053.49	Up 13.7 %
Senior Revenue YTD	\$3,905.80	Down 57.2 %
Income Tax Revenue YTD	\$638,445.55	Down 3.4 %
Sewer Fee Collections YTD	\$308,865.40	Up 3.1 %

Motion by Councilperson Febel to accept the **List of Checks paid for March 2025** March 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025

2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Motion by Councilperson Orvos to approve Clerk-Treasurer Fisher to attend the Ohio Public Finance Officers Training June 3-6, 2025, the cost to the Village for the training is only one hotel night, meals and mileage. I am the Workers

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Compensation Coordinator for the Ohio Association of Public Treasurers and part of the board.

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Chief Mackensen

Police Department Monthly Report April

Chief Lachey

Fire Department Monthly Report April

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Lands

Committee Report: No Report

Forestry

Committee Report: No Report

Finance

Committee Report: No report

Recreation

Committee Report:

Updated Weight Room Fee Schedule Effective July 1st, 2025

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Village Employee & Safety Personnel Annual Only \$60
Student/ Military / Corporate Month \$15 / Annual \$120
Standard Membership Month \$25 / Annual \$200

Safety personnel are Police, Fire, and EMS.
Student means under the age of 18.

Change to Park/Gazebo Reservation fee.
\$25 non-refundable fee will be required to reserve park, pavilion, gazebo or
Pickleball Court.

Motion by Councilperson Roderick to accept the new rates for the Recreation
Department effective July 1, 2025
2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried

Safety

Committee Report: No Report

Utilities/Wastewater Treatment/ Service

Committee Report: No Report

Mayor

Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to approve the Village of Jefferson to buy a
table for the Jefferson Area Chamber of Commerce Chamber Banquet. A table
Cost \$180.00. The Banquet is Tuesday May 20, 2025.

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Roll: All yea, motion carried

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The next Village of Jefferson Council Meeting will be May 19, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

FYI: Andrews & Pontius L.L.C. March

Visitor's Comments (five-minute limit per council rule #13)

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

MEETINGS

None

ADJOURN

Motion by Councilperson Sekanina to adjourn the Council Meeting.
2nd

Roll: All yea, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Submitted by,

Patricia A Fisher, Clerk of Council